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# THE STATUS OF JIHĀD WITHIN THE SHARĪ‘AH OF ISLĀM

## INTRODUCTION

ان الحمد لله نحمده و نستعينه و نستغفره و نعوذ بالله من شرور أنفسنا ومن سيئات أعمالنا. من يهده الله فلا مضل له ومن يضلل فلا هادي له، و أشهد أن لا إله إلا الله وحده لا شريك له، و اشهد أن محمداً عبده و رسوله

All praise is for Allāh alone, we praise Him, ask for help and forgiveness from Him, we seek refuge in Allāh from the veil of ourselves and our evil deeds. Whomsoever Allāh has guided, then there is no one that can mislead ‘him’, and whomsoever Allāh has lead astray, then there is no one that can give ‘him’ guidance.

I bear witness that there is no ilāh that has the right in truth to be worshipped except for Allāh alone, there are no partners with Him, and I bear witness that the Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ is His servant and Messenger.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ ۚ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾

*O you who believe! Fear Allāh (by doing all that He has ordered and by abstaining from all that He has forbidden) as He should be feared. [Obey Him, be thankful to Him, and remember Him always], and die not except in a state of Islām (as Muslims) with complete submission to Allāh.*<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Sūrah Āl ‘Imrān (3), ayāh 102.

يَتَأْتِيهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا  
وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ ۖ وَالْأَرْحَامَ ۚ إِنَّ  
اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا ﴿٦١﴾

*O mankind! Be dutiful to your Lord, who created you from a single person (Adam), and from him (Adam) He created his wife [Hawwa (Eve)], and from them both He created many men and women and fear Allāh through whom you demand your mutual (rights), and (do not cut the relations of) the wombs (kinship). Surely, Allāh is ever an All-Watcher over you.<sup>2</sup>*

يَتَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا ﴿٦٢﴾ يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ  
وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَطِيعُ ۖ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٦٣﴾

*O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allāh and fear Him, and speak (always) the truth. He will direct you to do righteous good deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whosoever obeys Allāh and His Messenger (ﷺ) he has indeed achieved a great achievement (i.e. he will be saved from the Hell-fire and made to enter Paradise).<sup>3</sup>*

Indeed the best speech is the speech of Allāh, and the best guidance is the guidance of Muḥammad (ﷺ). And the worst of matters are those innovated by the people, and every innovated matter is a bid'ah and every bid'ah is astray, and every going astray is in the fire.

Ammā ba'du:

<sup>2</sup> Sūrah An Nisā° (4), ayāh 1.

<sup>3</sup> Sūrah Al Aḥzāb (33), āyāt 70-71.

Indeed, the condition of the Islāmic community that we see today is a condition wherein the Muslims are experiencing weakness, backwardness, and are controlled, despised, insulted and terrorized by the enemies of Islām. This matter realizes a major calamity and a uniformly distributed catastrophe. Because of that, it is obligatory upon us to endeavor to eliminate those weaknesses and the stranglehold of the enemies of Islām.

In order to build up the strength of the Islāmic community, the disease that afflicts this community must firstly be sought out. The people who have the right to diagnose this affliction are the scholars who understand the disease within the community based upon proof from Al Qur'ān and As Sunnah. It is not those politicians who are ignorant of religion (Islām) to the point where the community's disease increases. Amongst them are those who possess various opinions that divide them into a number of groups, amongst which are:

*The first group* is of the opinion that the defeat of this community is caused by the treachery and deceit of the disbelievers, so much so that its cure is the absorption of the Muslims with the reading of their plans, searching for data and facts about the treachery practiced upon them and so forth.

*The second group* is of the opinion that the disease afflicting the Islāmic community is caused by those tyrannical rulers throughout some of the Islāmic nations to the point whereby they suppose that the cure is the downfall and deposing of those tyrannical rulers and the feeding of the Islāmic community with hatred towards their rulers and enemies.

*A third group* is of the opinion that the disease within the Islāmic community is caused by the fragmentation and disunity of this community to the point whereby they suspect that the cure is the unification of the various Islāmic communities into one larger community.

*The fourth group* is of the opinion that the disease is caused because they do not occupy nor hold key positions within the government to the point where they vie for the creation of parties and seek as many supporters as possible from the

various layers and levels of society and from their various educational and religious backgrounds. Importantly, their party wins and occupies a post or position.

*The fifth group* is of the opinion that the disease of this community is because they have stopped the undertaking of jihad fī sabīlillāh even though jihad must be adhered to. They shout for and proclaim jihad everywhere and in whatever form against the government, or to kill the disbelievers in the name of jihad, and moreover, all of their ways use the name of ‘jihad’?!

However, their opinions are wrong in the diagnosis of this disease, based upon Al Qur’ān and As Sunnah.

*The error of the first group.* When the Islāmic community learns, understands, and holds with certitude the practice of Al Qur’ān and As Sunnah, as well as the maintenance of patience, then the deception of the enemy will not harm them. Allāh ﷻ decrees:

إِنْ تَمْسَسْكُمْ حَسَنَةٌ تَسُوهُمْ وَإِنْ تَصِبْكُمْ سَيِّئَةٌ يَفْرَحُوا بِهَا وَإِنْ تَصْبِرُوا  
وَتَتَّقُوا لَا يَضُرُّكُمْ كَيْدُهُمْ شَيْئًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا يَعْمَلُونَ مُحِيطٌ ﴿١٢٠﴾

*If a good befalls you, it grieves them, but if some evil overtakes you, they rejoice at it. But if you remain patient and become Al-Muttaqūn (the pious), not the least harm will their cunning do to you. Surely, Allāh surrounds all that they do.*<sup>4</sup>

*The error of the second group.* That the existence of tyrannical rulers is a punishment from Allāh inflicted upon people (the community) who have done wrong because of the sins they have carried out. Allāh ﷻ decrees:

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<sup>4</sup> Sūrah Āl ‘Imrān (3), ayāh 120.

وَكَذَلِكَ نُوَلِّي بَعْضَ الظَّالِمِينَ بَعْضًا بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿١٢٩﴾

*And thus We do make the Zālimūn (polytheists and wrong-doers, etc.) Auliya<sup>o</sup> (supporters and helpers) one to another (in committing crimes etc.), because of that which they used to earn.<sup>5</sup>*

*The error of the third group.* The majority in number with many sins and deviations that are of no benefit whatsoever. Look at how the companions ﷺ experienced defeat at the Battle of Ḥunain, even though their numbers were superior. Allāh ﷻ decrees:

لَقَدْ نَصَرَكُمُ اللَّهُ فِي مَوَاطِنَ كَثِيرَةٍ وَيَوْمَ حُنَيْنٍ إِذْ أَعْجَبَتْكُمْ  
كَثْرَتُكُمْ فَلَمْ تُغْنِ عَنْكُمْ شَيْئًا وَضَاقَتْ عَلَيْكُمْ الْأَرْضُ بِمَا رَحُبَتْ  
ثُمَّ وَلَّيْتُمْ مُدْبِرِينَ ﴿٢٥﴾

*Truly Allāh has given you victory on many battle fields, and on the Day of Ḥunain (battle) when you rejoiced at your great number but it availed you naught and the earth, vast as it is, was straitened for you, then you turned back in flight.<sup>6</sup>*

Gathered together with those people who commit *sirk* (polytheism), *bid'ah* (innovation in Islām), *ma'ṣiyah* (disobedience, sedition, rebellion), and other *munkarāt* (forbidden, reprehensible actions) that are not upheld within the *Ṣarī'at* of Islām.

*The error of the fourth group.* That many parties cause increases in disunity amongst the Muslims and each party is proud of itself. Allāh ﷻ decrees:

<sup>5</sup> Sūrah Al An'ām (6), ayāh 129.

<sup>6</sup> Sūrah At Taubah (9), ayāh 25.

﴿٣١﴾ مُنِيبِينَ إِلَيْهِ وَاتَّقُوهُ وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَلَا تَكُونُوا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿٣٢﴾

﴿٣٣﴾ مِنَ الَّذِينَ فَرَّقُوا دِينَهُمْ وَكَانُوا شِيعًا كُلُّ حِزْبٍ بِمَا لَدَيْهِمْ فَرِحُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾

*(Always) turning in repentance to Him (only), and be afraid and dutiful to Him; and perform Aṣ-Ṣalāt (Iqāmat-aṣ-Ṣalāt) and be not of Al-Muṣṛikūn (the disbelievers in the Oneness of Allāh, polytheists, idolaters, etc.). Of those who split up their Deen (religion (i.e. who left the true Islāmīc Monotheism)), and became sects, [i.e. they invented new things in the Deen [Religion (Bid'ah)], and followed their vain desires], each sect rejoicing in that which is with it.*<sup>7</sup>

Likewise also within Islām it is prohibited to expect a post or position and the Prophet ﷺ forbade Abū Darr ؓ expecting a post, even though he was a noble companion. And we see people who hold posts – are they struggling for Islām? Do they adhere to islām for themselves and their families or are they far removed from Islām, even to the point of causing mischief and neglecting social ties??

Allāh ﷻ decrees:

﴿٣٥﴾ فَهَلْ عَسَيْتُمْ إِنْ تَوَلَّيْتُمْ أَنْ تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَتُقَطِّعُوا أَرْحَامَكُمْ ﴿٣٦﴾

﴿٣٧﴾ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ لَعَنَهُمُ اللَّهُ فَأَصَمَّهُمْ وَأَعَمَّى أَبْصَرَهُمْ ﴿٣٨﴾

*Would you then, if you were given the authority, do mischief in the land, and sever your ties of kinship?*

*Such are they whom Allāh has cursed, so that He has made them deaf and blinded their sight.*<sup>8</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Sūrah Ar Rūm (30), āyāt 31-32.

<sup>8</sup> Sūrah Muḥammad (47), āyāt 22-23.

*The error of the fifth group.* As with the previous groups, inṣā' Allāh, I will explain within this book the understanding of jihad according to the Ṣarī'at of Islām.

However, it is a must for the Islāmic community to know the disease afflicting the Islāmic community is the negligence of the Muslims towards their Deen. They have already debased the Ṣarī'at of the Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ and deviated far from the truth of the Deen of Islām, that is, the Deen understood and carried out by the companions (رضي الله عنهم) of the Prophet ﷺ. Thus, the best and most efficacious medication for this community is their return to the truth of the Deen of Islām.

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said:

إذا تبايعتم بالعينة، وأخذتم أذناب البقر، ورضيتم بالزرع، وتركتم الجهاد؛ سلط الله عليكم ذلا لا ينزعه حتى ترجعوا إلى دينكم

*When you indulge in Bai'ul 'ainah,<sup>9</sup> stick to your cattle<sup>10</sup> and stay contented with your agriculture and give up Jihād, Allāh will inflict you with misery until you revert to your Deen (religion).<sup>11</sup>*

The *Manhaj* (method[ology]) of the *Ahlus Sunnah wa'l Jamā'ah* regarding the issues of *jihad*, *taṣfiyah* (purification and correction), and *tarbiyah* (education) is the correct *manhaj*. Its implementation indeed requires much time. So, this issue must be undertaken by means of beneficial knowledge, righteous deeds, and with the fullness of patience. Because, with knowledge, good deeds, and patience, Allāh will bestow victory upon the Islāmic community.

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<sup>9</sup> *Bai'ul 'ainah* means refers to the act of selling an item on credit and then buying it back on a lesser price. e.g. Mr. A sells a book for \$500 on credit to Mr. B and then buys it back for \$400 i.e. he got his item back and still Mr. B owes him \$100.

<sup>10</sup> Literally: 'hold the tails of your cattle'.

<sup>11</sup> Narrated by Abū Dāwūd (No. 3462), Al Baihaqī (V/316), from the companion Ibnu 'Umar رضي الله عنهما - refer *Silsilaul Aḥādīth aṣ Ṣaḥīḥah* (No. 11).



- **Jihād is one of the most important *ṣi‘ār* (distinguishing feature/characteristic) and constitutes the pinnacle of its majesty.**

The status of jihad within the Deen (Deen – ‘religion’) is extremely important and always maintained. Jihād fī sabīlillāh persists and remains until the Day of Judgment. The Prophet ﷺ said:

...وذروة سنامه الجهاد في سبيل الله...

“...And the pinnacle of the endeavor of Islām is Jihād fī sabīlillāh...”<sup>12</sup>

From Abū Hurairah ؓ that the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ was once asked, “What deeds are the most important?” He ﷺ answered, “Belief in Allāh and in His Messenger”. He ﷺ was asked again, “And then what?” He ﷺ answered, “Jihād fī sabīlillāh”. Again he was asked, “And after that”. He ﷺ answered, “Ḥajj mabrūr” (approved or accepted Ḥajj).<sup>13</sup>

Abū Darr al Ġafārī ؓ said, “I asked the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ, what deed is the most important?” He ﷺ answered,

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“Faith in Allāh and jihad fī sabīlillāh”.<sup>14</sup>

### ➤ **Definition of Jihād**

Etymologically, the word jihad is taken from the words:

<sup>12</sup> Narrated by Aḥmad (V/231, 236, 237, 245), At Tirmidhī (No. 2616), °Abdurrazzaq (No. 20303), Ibn Majāh (No. 3973), and others.

<sup>13</sup> Narrated by Buḡārī (Nos. 26 & 1519), Muslim (No. 83), and Aḥmad (11/268).

<sup>14</sup> Narrated by Buḡārī (No. 2518), Muslim (No. 84), Aḥmad (V/150), An Nasā‘ī (VI/19), and Ibnu Hibban.

جَهْدٌ: الْجُهْدُ ، الْجُحْدُ – الطَّاقَةُ ، الْمَشَقَّةُ ، الْوُسْعُ.

Which means the power of effort, difficulty, and the ability.

According to Ar Rāḡib al ʿAṣfahānī (died 425 H): “...it means difficulty and it means capability”.<sup>15</sup>

Furthermore, jihad is taken from the words:

جَاهَدَ – يُجَاهِدُ – جِهَادًا

According to the ṣarʿī (lawful, legal, jurisprudent) meaning:

الْجِهَادُ: مُحَارَبَةُ الْكُفَّارِ وَهُوَ الْمُبَالِغَةُ وَاسْتِيفْرَاجُ مَا فِي الْوُسْعِ وَالطَّاقَةِ مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ فِعْلٍ.

“Al Jihād means: to fight the disbelievers, that is to endeavor with all earnestness and devotion (one’s) strength and capabilities, both with words and deeds”.<sup>16</sup>

الْجِهَادُ وَالْمُجَاهِدَةُ: اسْتِيفْرَاجُ الْوُسْعِ فِي مُدَافَعَةِ الْعَدُوِّ.

“Jihād and Mujāhid: means the devotion of all one’s capabilities to fight the enemy”.<sup>17</sup>

### ➤ Jihād is of three kinds:

1. Jihād against a visible enemy.
2. Jihād against Saiṭān.
3. Jihād against one’s self.

<sup>15</sup> Mufradāt al Fāṣ al Qurʾān (matter 208), Ar Rāḡib al ʿAṣfahānī .

<sup>16</sup> Refer: An Nihāyah fī Ḡarīb al Ḥadīṭ (1/319), Ibnu Aṭīr.

<sup>17</sup> Mufradāt al Fāṣ al Qurʾān (p. 208), Ar Rāḡib al ʿAṣfahānī .

These three kinds of jihad are set forth in Al Qur<sup>ʿ</sup>ān - in Sūrah Al Ḥajj (22), ayāh 78; At Taubah (9), ayāh 41; and Al Anfāl (8), ayāh 72.<sup>18</sup>

According to Al Ḥāfiẓ Aḥmad bin °Alī bin Ḥajar al °Asqalānī (well known as Al Ḥāfiẓ ibnu Ḥajar al °Asqalānī, who died 852 H) رَحِمَهُ اللهُ: “*Jihād according to ṣarʿī is devoting all capabilities to fighting the disbelievers*”.<sup>19</sup>

The term *Jihād* is also used in order to fight off the desires, Ṣaiṭān, and the fussāq (unrighteous, sinners). As for fighting against the desires that is (undertaken) by learning the religion of Islām (truly learning it), practicing it, and later teaching it. As for jihad against Ṣaiṭān, this is by rejecting all forms of lust and doubts that are always embellished by Ṣaiṭān. Jihād against the disbelievers is with the hand, wealth, speech, and heart. As for jihad against the fussāq, it is with the hand, speech, and the heart.<sup>20</sup>

Those words of Al Ḥāfiẓ ibnu Ḥajar رَحِمَهُ اللهُ are in accordance with what the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said:

جَاهِدُوا الْمُشْرِكِينَ بِأَمْوَالِكُمْ وَأَنْفُسِكُمْ وَلِسِنَتِكُمْ.

“*Perform Jihād against the muṣṣrikūn with the wealth, the souls, and the speech of you all*”.<sup>21</sup>

The meaning of Jihād according to Ṣaikhul Islām Ibnu Taimiyyah رَحِمَهُ اللهُ is: “***To devote all of one’s capabilities to the achievement of what is loved by Allāh ﷻ and the rejection of all that is hated by Allāh***”.<sup>22</sup> He said: “That in its essence, Jihād is to strive for (to attain) what is loved by Allāh in the form of faith and

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<sup>18</sup> *Mufradāt al Fāẓ al Qurʿān* (p. 208), Ar Rāḡib al °Aṣṣfahānī رَحِمَهُ اللهُ.

<sup>19</sup> *Fathul Bārī* (VI/3), Al Ḥāfiẓ ibnu Ḥajar al °Asqalānī.

<sup>20</sup> Ibid.

<sup>21</sup> Narrated by Aḥmad (111/124), An Nasāʾī (VI/7), Al Ḥakīm (11/81), °Anas bin Mālik رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ, with a ṣāḥiḥ sanad.

<sup>22</sup> *Majmūʿ Fatāwā*, Ṣhaikhul Islām Ibnu Taimiyyah (X/192-193).

righteous deeds, and to reject what is hated by Allāh in the form of disbelief, sinfulness, and sedition”.<sup>23</sup>

These definitions encompass all the forms of Jihād carried out by a Muslim, which is comprised of within obedience to Allāh ﷻ in the undertaking of the commands of Allāh and the upholding of His prohibitions. (It is) the earnestness in inviting (performing da‘wah) other people to implement the observance of that obedience, whether near or far, Muslim or disbeliever, and in all truthfulness to fight the disbelievers in the framework of upholding the Word of Allāh and what is with it”.<sup>24</sup>

Jihād cannot in truth be called jihād except when such jihad is directed towards seeking the face of Allāh, maintaining His Word, holding up the banner of truth, ridding that which is invalid, and submitting one’s entire body and soul seeking the pleasure of Allāh. However, when a person performs jihad in search of worldliness, then this is not true jihad.

Whoever fights in order to attain a position, to obtain booty, show courage, seek fame (greatness), then ‘he’ will not receive reward or blessings.<sup>25</sup>

Jihād within Islām constitutes a major act. Allāh commanded the undertaking of jihad, as embodied within Al Qur’ān, that is in Sūrah Al Baqarah (2), āyāt 190, 193, 216; Sūrah Āl ‘Imrān (3), ayāh 142; Sūrah An Nisā’ (4), ayāh 95; Sūrah Al Anfāl (8), ayāh 74; Sūrah At Taubah (9), ayāh 73; Sūrah Al Hajj (22), ayāh 78; Sūrah Al Furqān (25), ayāh 52; and Sūrah Aş Şaff (61), ayāh 11.

‘Abdullāh bin Mas‘ūd ؓ said:

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<sup>23</sup> Ibid., (X/191).

<sup>24</sup> Refer to *Al Jihād fī Sabīlillāh Ḥaqīqatuhu wa Ghāyatuhu* (I/50) by Ṣaiḡ ‘Abdullāh bin Aḥmad Qadīry, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Dārul Manārah, Jiddah, 1413 H.

<sup>25</sup> *Fiqh us Sunnah* by Sayyid Sābiq (111/40) and *Al Wajīz fī Fiqhis Sunnah wa’l Kitābil ‘Azīz* (p. 481) by ‘Abdul ‘Azīm Badawī.

سَأَلْتُ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: أَيُّ الْعَمَلِ أَحَبُّ إِلَى اللَّهِ؟ قَالَ: الصَّلَاةُ عَلَى وَقْتِهَا، قَالَ: ثُمَّ أَيُّ؟ قَالَ: بِرُّ الْوَالِدَيْنِ، قَالَ: ثُمَّ أَيُّ؟ قَالَ: الْجِهَادُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ.

*“I once asked the Prophet ﷺ, ‘What is the best deed?’ (The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ) he answered: ‘Ṣalāt at its appointed time’. I asked again, ‘And then what?’ He (ﷺ) replied, ‘Being dutiful to one’s parents’. I asked again, ‘And after that?’ He (ﷺ) answered, ‘Jihād fī sabīlillāh’.”<sup>26</sup>*

Abū Darr ؓ once asked the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ, “What deed is the most foremost deed”. He ﷺ answered, “Belief in Allāh and Jihād fī sabīlillāh...”<sup>27</sup>

‘Abdullāh bin ‘Umar ؓ said, “Indeed the best deed after Ṣalāt is Jihād fī sabīlillāh”.”<sup>28</sup>

There was a person who asked the messenger of Allāh ﷺ, “O Messenger of Allāh (ﷺ), there is a person who fights because of the hope for *ḡanimah* (to gain booty, spoils of war); another fights so that his name is extolled; and yet another fights to be seen doing so; who is the one referred to as fighting in the Way of Allāh”. The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ answered:

مَنْ قَاتَلَ لِتَكُونَ كَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ هِيَ الْعُلْيَا فَهُوَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ.

*“Whoever fights so that the name of Allāh is held high, then he is fī sabīlillāh (in the Way of Allāh) ﷺ.”<sup>29</sup>*

## ➤ The Legality of Jihād

<sup>26</sup> Narrated by Buḵārī (*Kitāb ul Jihād* [Book. 54], No. 46), and Muslim (*Kitāb ul Imān* [Book 1], No. 151) from ‘Abdullāh bin Mas‘ūd ؓ.

<sup>27</sup> Narrated by Muslim (*Kitāb ul Imān* [Book 1], No. 149).

<sup>28</sup> Narrated by Aḥmad (11 [32]) with a ṣāḥiḥ sanad. Refer *Musnad Aḥmad* (No. 4873) and *Silsilatul Aḥādīṭ aṣ Ṣaḥīḥah* (111 [477]).

<sup>29</sup> Narrated by Buḵārī (Nos. 2810, 3126), Muslim (No. 1904), and Aḥmad (IV/392, 397, 402, 405, 417) from Abū Mūsā al ‘Aṣ‘arī ؓ.

The legality of jihad is that it is farḍ (obligatory) on the basis of the decree of Allāh Al Qahhār:

كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْقِتَالُ وَهُوَ كُرْهُ لَكُمْ وَعَسَىٰ أَن تَكْرَهُوا شَيْئًا وَهُوَ خَيْرٌ  
لَّكُمْ وَعَسَىٰ أَن تُحِبُّوا شَيْئًا وَهُوَ شَرٌّ لَّكُمْ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ



*Jihād is ordained for you (Muslims) though you dislike it, and it may be that you dislike a thing which is good for you and that you like a thing which is bad for you. Allāh knows but you do not know.*<sup>30</sup>

This ayāh establishes the decision of the obligation of jihad from Allāh ﷻ for the Muslims in order that they put a stop to the evil of their enemies within Islāmic territories.

Muḥammad ibn Ṣihāb az Zuhri رحمه الله said: “Jihād is obligatory upon every individual, whether it be within a state of war or of sitting (non-combatant state). A person who is sitting, when asked to help, then ‘he’ must give help; when ‘he’ is asked to go to war, then ‘he’ must go forward for war; and when ‘he’ is not needed, then it is desirable that ‘he’ remain where ‘he’ is (does not follow)”.<sup>31</sup>

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said, at the time of Fathu Makkah (the conquest of Makkah):

لَا هِجْرَةَ بَعْدَ الْفَتْحِ، وَلَكِنْ جِهَادٌ وَبَيَّةٌ، وَإِذَا اسْتُنْفِرْتُمْ فَانْفِرُوا.

<sup>30</sup> Sūrah Al Baqarah (2), ayāh 216.

<sup>31</sup> Tafsīr Ibnu Kaṭīr (1/270).

*“There is no hijrah (from Makkah to Madinah) after fathu Makkah (the conquest of Makkah), however, what there is is jihad and good intentions. When you (all) are asked to go forward for war, then go!”.*<sup>32</sup>

The legality of Jihād is *farḍu kifāyah* (obligatory upon the community)<sup>33</sup> on the basis of the *ṣaḥīḥ dalā’il* (sound proofs) from Al Qur’ān and As Sunnah as well as the explanations of the scholars of Ahlus Sunnah. Amongst them, there are from Al Qur’ān, Sūrah An Nisā’ (4), āyāt 95-96; Sūrah At Taubah (9), ayāh 122; Sūrah Al Muzzammil (73), ayāh 20. Also, the various *ṣaḥīḥ aḥādīṭ* from the Prophet ﷺ.

The four *a’imma* (Imams) of the four *madāhib* (sing. Madhab – orthodox schools of jurisprudence), and others, have agreed that ***jihad fī sabīlillāh is legally farḍu kifāyah***, when some of the Muslims undertake it, then its obligation has been met for the remainder. When nobody at all undertakes it, then the sin is upon everyone.<sup>34</sup>

➤ **The ‘Ulamā’ state that Jihād becomes Farḍu ‘Ain (individual duty) under three conditions:**

**Firstly:** When the armies of both the Muslims and the disbelievers meet and are already facing each other on the battlefield, then it is not allowed for someone to retreat or turn away.

**Secondly:** When the enemy attacks a Muslim nation that is safe and then it is besieged, then it is obligatory for the inhabitants of that nation to go

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<sup>32</sup> Narrated by Buḵārī (Nos. 2783, 2825, 3077), Muslim (No. 1353), Abū Dāwūd (No. 2480), At Tirmidī (No. 1590), An Nasā’ī (VII/146), and Aḥmad (1/266) from Ibnu ‘Abbās ؓ, and also by Muslim (No. 1864) from ‘Ā’iṣah ؓ.

<sup>33</sup> *Risālatul Irsād ilā Bayānil Haqq fī Hukmil Jihād* (pp. 44-73), by Ṣaikh Aḥmad bin Yahyā bin Muḥammad An Najmī, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Dār ‘Ulamā’ Salaf, 1414 H.

<sup>34</sup> Refer: *Al Jihād fī Sabīlillāh Haqīqatuhu wa Ġāyatuhu* (1/56), by Ṣaikh ‘Abdullāh bin Aḥmad Qadīriy.

forward and fight the enemy (in the framework of defending the nation), except for women and children.

**Thirdly:** When the Imām requests a group or specifies some people to go for war, then it is obligatory that they go. The dalīl for this is Sūrah At Taubah (9), āyāt 38-39.<sup>35</sup>

➤ **Jihād is Obligatory for (upon):**

1. Each and every Muslim.
2. Mature.
3. Sane.
4. Free.
5. Male.
6. Possesses the capabilities to fight.
7. Possesses enough wealth for himself and his family for the duration of his performance of jihād.<sup>36</sup>

For women, there is no jihad (in the sense of fighting), but rather their jihad is Ḥajj and ʿUmrah. This matter is based upon the ḥadīṭ of the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ from ʿĀʾiṣah رضي الله عنها, at the time she asked the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ

يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، عَلَى النِّسَاءِ جِهَادٌ؟ قَالَ: نَعَمْ، عَلَيْهِنَّ جِهَادٌ لَا قِتَالٌ فِيهِ: الْحُجُّ وَالْعُمْرَةُ.

*“O Messenger of Allāh (ﷺ), is it obligatory for women to perform jihad?”  
He (ﷺ) answered: “Yes, women it is obligatory for women to undertake*

<sup>35</sup> *Risālatul Irsād ilā Bayān al Haqq fī Ḥukmil Jihād* (pp. 89-90), by Saīk Aḥmad bin Yaḥyā bin Muḥammad An Najmī, and *Tauḍīḥ al ʿAḥkām Sharḥ Bulūḡul Marām* (VI/331), by ʿAbdullāh bin ʿAbdur Raḥmān bin Ṣāliḥ Al Bassām, 5<sup>th</sup> ed., Maktabah al Asadiy, 1423 H.

<sup>36</sup> Refer: *Al Wajīz fī Fiqhis Sunnah waʾl Kitābil ʿAzīz* (p. 487), by ʿAbdul ʿAzīm bin Badawī al Kalafī, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Dār Ibnu Rajab, 1421 H.



*jihad, a jihad that does not have fighting in it, that is (the ‘ibādah – devotional acts of) Ḥajj and ‘Umrah’.*<sup>37</sup>

### ➤ The Excellence of Jihād

The virtues of jihad are indeed many, amongst which are:

1. The activities of a *mujāhid* (one who undertakes jihad in the Way of Allāh) on the battlefield are blessed by Allāh.<sup>38</sup>
2. Jihād is a commerce of success and with no doubt within it.<sup>39</sup>
3. Jihād is more virtuous than assembling in Maṣjidul Ḥarām and giving drinks to the pilgrims performing Ḥajj.<sup>40</sup>
4. Jihād makes up one of the two virtues (victory or martyrdom).<sup>41</sup>
5. Jihād is the way to Paradise.<sup>42</sup>
6. A person who undertakes jihad, even though he died as a martyr, yet he still lives and is provided for.<sup>43</sup>
7. A person who undertakes jihad is like a person who fasts without breaking the fast and who continually performs nightly ṣalāt.<sup>44</sup>
8. Indeed, Paradise possesses 100 levels provided by Allāh for those who perform jihad in His Way. Between one level and the next the distance is like that between the sky and the earth.<sup>45</sup>
9. Paradise is beneath the shadows of swords.<sup>46</sup>
10. People who die as martyrs possess 7 virtues: (1) He is forgiven (his sins) at the first drop of his blood. (2) He sees his place in Paradise. (3) He is dressed in the clothes of Iman. (4) He is married to seventy-two of the Ḥūr ul ‘Ayn (beautiful women of Paradise). (5) He is saved from the punishment

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<sup>37</sup> Narrated by Buḵārī (No. 1520), Ibnu Mājah (No. 2901), and Aḥmad (VI/165), and this narration is from Ibnu Mājah.

<sup>38</sup> Refer: Sūrah At Taubah (9), āyāt 120-121.

<sup>39</sup> Sūrah Aṣ Ṣaff (61), āyāt 10-13.

<sup>40</sup> Refer: Sūrah At Taubah (9), āyāt 19-21.

<sup>41</sup> Refer: Sūrah At Taubah (9), āyāt 52.

<sup>42</sup> Refer: Sūrah Āl ‘Imrān (3), āyāt 142.

<sup>43</sup> Refer: Sūrah Āl ‘Imrān (3), āyāt 169-171.

<sup>44</sup> Narrated by Buḵārī (No. 2785), Muslim (No. 1878), At Tirmidī (No. 1619), from Abū Hurairah رضي الله عنه.

<sup>45</sup> Narrated by Buḵārī (No. 2790), from Abū Hurairah رضي الله عنه.

<sup>46</sup> Narrated by Buḵārī (Nos. 3024-3025), from ‘Abdullāh bin Abū ‘Aūfah رضي الله عنه.

of the grave. (6) He will be protected from the great fear of the Day of Judgment. (7) A crown of honor will be placed on his head, one jewel of which is better than the whole world and what it contains, and he will be able to intercede for seventy members of his family.<sup>47</sup>

11. People who perform jihād in the Way of Allāh are better than the earth and all it possesses.<sup>48</sup>
12. The soul of a person who dies as a martyr is in a *qindil* (lamp) in Paradise.<sup>49</sup>
13. A person who dies as a martyr has all of his sins forgiven except debt.<sup>50</sup>

### ➤ The Purpose of the Command for Jihād

The purpose of jihād in waging war upon the enemies of Islām is in order that the Deen of Allāh is instituted upon the earth, and not merely to kill them.

Allāh ﷻ decrees:

وَقَاتِلُوهُمْ حَتَّى لَا تَكُونَ فِتْنَةٌ وَيَكُونَ الدِّينُ لِلَّهِ فَإِنْ أَنتَهُوا فَلَا عُدْوَانَ إِلَّا  
عَلَى الظَّالِمِينَ

*And fight them until there is no more fitnah (disbelief and worshipping of others along with Allāh) and (all and every kind of) worship is for Allāh (Alone). But if they cease, let there be no transgression except against Az-Zālimūn (the polytheists, and wrong-doers, etc.)*<sup>51</sup>

<sup>47</sup> Refer: At-Tabarānī (20/266) #629 and Al-Haiṭamī (5/293) said that “its men are trustworthy”. And in “*Faṭḥ Al-Bārī*” (6/16) Ibn Ḥajar stated that “its *Isnād* is *Ḥassan*”. Also narrated by Aḥmad in his “*Musnad*” (4/131) #17221 – and in its Commentary Al-Ḥafṣī declared one of its narrations as “*Hassan*”. Also stated as “*Ḥassan Ṣaḥīḥ*” by Musāʿid bin Sulaimān Ar-Rāṣid, in his commentary to “*Al-Jihād*” of Ibn Abī ʿĀsim. At-Tirmidī narrated it in (4/187) #1663 and declared it “*Hassan Ṣaḥīḥ Ḡarīb*”. Also narrated by Ibn Mājah (2/935) #2799, Al-Baihaqī (4/25) #4254 and Abdur-Razzāq (5/265) #9559.

<sup>48</sup> Narrated by Buḵārī (No. 2792), Faṭḥul-Bārī (VI/13-14), from ʿAnas bin Mālik ﷺ.

<sup>49</sup> Narrated by Muslim (No. 1887), and At-Tirmidī (No. 3011), from Ibnu Masʿūd ﷺ.

<sup>50</sup> Narrated by Muslim (No. 1886) from ʿAbdullāh bin ʿAmr bin ʿĀṣ ﷺ, and At-Tirmidī (No. 1640), from ʿAnas ﷺ, *ḥadīṭ ṣaḥīḥ*.

<sup>51</sup> Sūrah Al-Baqarah (2), ayāh 193.

Ibnu Jarīr Aṭ Ṭabarī (died 310 H) رحمته الله said: “***Fight them until there is no more ṣirk (polytheism) towards Allāh, there is no worship of idols, polytheism and other ‘āliha (gods)’. So that, ‘ibādah and obedience are only aimed towards Allāh alone and to no other’.***”<sup>52</sup>

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said:

أُمِرْتُ أَنْ أُقَاتِلَ النَّاسَ حَتَّى يَشْهَدُوا أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ...

“I have been commanded to fight mankind until they bear witness that there is no ilāh that has the right to be worshipped in truth except Allāh...”<sup>53</sup>

Abū °Abdillāh Al Qurṭubī (died 671 H) رحمته الله said: “The āyāt and the aḥādīṭ above point out the cause (reason) for ‘qitāl (fight, combat)’ is disbelief”.<sup>54</sup>

Saīk As Sa°dī رحمته الله said: “The meaning and purpose of fighting in the Way of Allāh is not just to spill the blood of the disbelievers and to take their wealth, but rather its objective is that this Deen of Islām be instituted for the sake of Allāh above all ‘religions’ and to be rid of all forms of polytheism that obstruct the institution of this Deen; and that is what is meant by ‘fitnah’ (ṣirk). When that fitnah (polytheism) has gone, that aim has been achieved, then there is no more killing and fighting”.<sup>55</sup>

Thus, jihad was legitimized in order that the Deen of Allāh be instituted on the face of the earth. Because of that, before beginning warfare, it was commande to give da°wah to the disbelievers in order that they enter into Islām.<sup>56</sup>

## ➤ The Levels of Jihād

<sup>52</sup> Refer: Tafsīr Aṭ Ṭabarī (II/200).

<sup>53</sup> Narrated by Bukārī (No. 25) and Muslim (No. 22) from Ibnu °Umar رضي الله عنه.

<sup>54</sup> Refer: Tafsīr Al Qurṭubī (II/236), published by Dārul Kutub al °Ilmiyah.

<sup>55</sup> Refer: Tafsīrul Karīmīr Raḥmān fī Tafsīri Kalāmīl Mannān (p. 89), Mu°assasah Ar Risālah, 1<sup>st</sup> ed., 1420 H.

<sup>56</sup> Al Muhimmatul Jihād by °Abdul °Azīz bin Rais Ar Rais.

According to Ibnu Qayyim Al Jawziyyah رحمہ اللہ, jihad possesses four levels<sup>57</sup>, that is:

**Firstly: *Jihādun Nafs* (Jihād against the desires).**

This jihad has four classes:

1. To perform jihād by striving to study knowledge and guidance, that is, to study the Deen that is ‘*on the Haqq*’ (presents the truth). A person will not be able to receive (be in receipt of) prosperity and happiness in this world and in the Hereafter except by means of knowledge that guides thereto. When ‘he’ does not want to learn knowledge that is beneficial, then ‘he’ will be wretched in this world and in the Hereafter.
2. To perform jihād by striving to implement and practice the knowledge ‘he’ has gained. When it is on the basis of knowledge alone without its practice, then it can become knowledge that will be harmful to ‘him’ and moreover, of no benefit to ‘him’.
3. To perform jihād by striving to performing da‘wah (calling to Islām), teaching Islām to the person who has no knowledge of it. When the performance of da‘wah is not carried out, then this becomes a case of concealing knowledge already revealed by Allāh, whether it be in the form of guidance or as instructions.<sup>58</sup> Thus, knowledge will be of no benefit and also unable to save ‘him’ from the punishment of Allāh.
4. To perform jihād in order to be patient towards difficulties in the undertaking of da‘wah in the Way of Allāh and also patience from the interruptions of ‘mankind’. ‘He’ endures the difficulties of giving da‘wah for the sake of Allāh. When this fourth class is fulfilled then ‘he’ will be a person who is close to Allāh. Thus, the Salafus Ṣāliḥ are of the opinion that a person is unable to be known as a person close to Allāh until ‘he’ is able to know the truth, practice it, and teach it. Because of that, a person with knowledge will practice it and teach it, then ‘he’ will be exalted at the side of His angels.

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<sup>57</sup> Refer: *Zādul Ma‘ād Hadyi Khairil ‘Ibād* (III/10-11), Mu‘assasah Ar Risālah, 25<sup>th</sup> ed., 1412 H.

<sup>58</sup> Refer: Sūrah Al Baqarah (2), āyāt 159 & 174.

## Secondly: *Jihāduṣ Saiṭān* (Jihād against Satan)

This form of jihād has two classes:

1. The performance of jihād to fortify the self from suspicion and doubt that can undermine and destroy faith.
2. The performance of jihād to fortify the self from the attacks of desires that are destructive and lustful.

The first class of *Jihāduṣ Saiṭān* will occur after there is conviction and the second class will occur after there is patience.

Allāh ﷻ decrees:

وَجَعَلْنَا مِنْهُمْ أَئِمَّةً يَهْدُونَ بِأَمْرِنَا لَمَّا صَبَرُوا وَكَانُوا بِآيَاتِنَا يُوقِنُونَ



*And We made from among them (children of Israel), leaders, giving guidance under Our Command, when they were patient and used to believe with certainty in Our Āyāt (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.).*<sup>59</sup>

Allāh informs that **direction within the Deen can only be obtained by means of patience and conviction**. Patience will be able to reject lusts and desires that destroy. Whilst conviction will be able to reject suspicion and doubt.

## Thirdly: *Jihādul Kuffār wa'l Munāfiqīn* (Jihād against the Disbelievers and the Hypocrites)

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<sup>59</sup> Sūrah As Sajdah (32), ayāh 24.

With this form of jihād there are four classes:

1. Jihād with the heart.
2. Jihād with the tongue.
3. Jihād with wealth.
4. Jihād with the soul.

*Jihādul Kuffār* (jihād against the disbelievers) is more specifically (in the context of its being carried out) by means of the hand (strength), whereas *Jihādul Munāfiqīn* (jihād against the hypocrites) is more specifically (again, in the context of its being carried out) by means of the (strength of) tongue.

Allāh ﷻ decrees:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ جَاهِدِ الْكُفَّارَ وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ وَاغْلُظْ عَلَيْهِمْ وَمَأْوَاهُمْ جَهَنَّمُ

وَبِئْسَ الْمَصِيرُ

*O Prophet (Muḥammad ﷺ)! Strive hard against the disbelievers and the hypocrites, and be harsh against them, their abode is Hell, - and worst indeed is that destination.*<sup>60 61</sup>

#### **Fourthly: *Jihād Arbābiḡ Ḥulm wa'l Bid'a wa'l Munkarāt* (Jihād against the Wrongdoers and the Innovators and the Deniers)**

With this form of jihād there are three classes:

1. By hand when able to.
2. When that is not possible then with the tongue.
3. When that is not possible then with the heart.

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<sup>60</sup> Sūrah At Taubah (9), ayāh 74.

<sup>61</sup> Refer also Sūrah At Taḥrīm (66), ayāh 9.

That therefore is the thirteen classes of jihād.

The messenger of Allāh ﷺ said:

مَنْ مَاتَ وَلَمْ يَغْزُ وَلَمْ يُحَدِّثْ بِهِ نَفْسَهُ، مَاتَ عَلَى شُعْبَةٍ مِنْ نِفَاقٍ.

*“Whoever dies whilst never having fought, and nor has he conceived of fighting in his mind, then his death will be included amongst one of the branches of hypocrisy”.<sup>62</sup>*

**Jihād must be carried out together with the Ūlī'l ʿAmrī (those in authority -learned leaders), whether the Ūlī'l ʿAmrī is good or bad.**

Within the books concerning ʿaqīdah of the Ahlus Sunnah it explains that jihād is obligatory to be carried out together with the Ūlī'l ʿAmrī.

وَالْحُجُّ وَالْجِهَادُ مَعَ أُولَى الْأَمْرِ مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ بَرَّهُمْ وَفَاجَرَهُمْ إِلَى قِيَامِ السَّاعَةِ لَا يَبْطُلُهُمَا شَيْءٌ وَلَا يَقْضِيهِمَا

*“Hajj and Jihād remain to be carried out with the Ūlī'l ʿAmrī of the Muslims, good or bad. There is no one who can cancel or destroy this”.<sup>63</sup>*

### ➤ The Division of Jihād

Jihād against the disbelievers is divided into two:

#### **Firstly: Jihādul Fath wa't Talab (Offensive Jihād)**

This form of jihād requires the fulfillment of terms within the ṣarīʿat (terms that have been determined by the ṣarīʿat of Islām), as follows:

<sup>62</sup> Narrated by Muslim (No. 1910), Abū Dāwūd (No. 2502), An Nasāʿī (VI/8), Aḥmad (II/374), from Abū Hurairah رضي الله عنه.

<sup>63</sup> Refer: Ṣarḥul ʿAqīdah at Ṭahāwiyyah (p. 555), Ṣuʿaib Al Arnaʿūṭ and Dr. ʿAbdul Muḥsin At Turkī.


1. The existence of an Imām or of Ūlī’l ʿAmrī.
2. The existence of a state (nation).
3. The existence of Ar Rāyah (banner of jihād).

## **Secondly: *Jihādud Difāʿ* (Defensive Jihād, defense of a Muslim territory)**

This jihād is by law *farḍu ʿayn* (individual obligation) upon every inhabitant of the state (nation) attacked by the enemy (the aggressor). When the inhabitants of the state are weak, then they must be helped by the inhabitants of their neighboring states. Jihād by law must possess preparation by law and that preparation is divided into two:

**Firstly:** preparation for the development of faith so that the community is able to nurture the essence of worship towards Allāh, the lord of the Worlds, engage and appoint their souls towards the Book of Allāh, cleanse their hearts by means of the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ in order that they are able to support the Deen of Allāh ﷻ and His Ṣarīʿat.

This matter is in accordance with His decree:

...وَلَيَنْصُرَنَّ اللَّهُ مَن يَنْصُرُهُ... 

“... Verily, Allāh will help those who help His (Cause)...”<sup>64</sup>

**Secondly:** Physical preparation, that is to prepare a number of troops and their equipment in readiness to face the enemies of Allāh and fight them.

Allāh ﷻ decrees:

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<sup>64</sup> Sūrah Al Ḥajj (22), ayāh 40.



وَأَعِدُّوا لَهُمْ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ قُوَّةٍ وَمِنْ رِبَاطِ الْخَيْلِ تُرْهِبُونَ بِهِ  
 عَدُوَّ اللَّهِ وَعَدُوَّكُمْ وَءَاخِرِينَ مِنْ دُونِهِمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَهُمُ اللَّهُ يَعْلَمُهُمْ ۚ وَمَا  
 تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ يُوَفَّ إِلَيْكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تُظْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾

*And make ready against them all you can of power, including steeds of war (tanks, planes, missiles, artillery, etc.) to threaten the enemy of Allāh and your enemy, and others besides whom, you may not know but whom Allāh does know. And whatever you shall spend in the Cause of Allāh shall be repaid unto you, and you shall not be treated unjustly.*<sup>65</sup>

The galvanization of the obligation of jihād with all its stipulations is obligatory with the fulfillment of its terms.

The provision of property to those people who are prepared for jihād is *fard* (obligatory) – according to the resolutions determined from within *ṣarīʿat*. However, terrorism is an enormous mistake, a fitnah, a fatal error as well as incredibly ignorant.

As for the propagation of disorder (anarchy), the terrorizing of people, the throwing of bombs, suicide by means of car bombs, instilling fear into people who are held to be safe or people who are safeguarded by the state, the killing of children, women, and old people in the name of jihād for this Deen **is not true, and such actions as these are in opposition to Allāh, Ar Rafīq, and His Messenger ﷺ, and the faithful**. They are already out of and away from the way of the scholars who truly understand knowledge.<sup>66</sup>

## ➤ Closing

<sup>65</sup> Sūrah Al Anfāl (8), ayāh 60.

<sup>66</sup> Refer: *Mujma' l Masā'ilil 'Īmān wa'l Kufri'l 'Ilmiyyah fī 'Uṣūlil 'Aqīdah As Salafīyyah*, point 8 concerning Jihād (pp. 57-60).

Hopefully, what I have written here is able to add beneficial knowledge and good deeds as well as able to straighten out those diverse understandings of the Muslims that are in error and mistaken. And hopefully, Allāh bestows guidance on us all in order that we are able to undertake and carry out legitimate jihād in accordance with the understanding of the Salafuṣ Ṣāliḥ, so that this Deen is upheld because Allāh and is above all ‘religions’, and to get rid of all forms of ṣirk and innovations that hinder the establishment of this Deen. Because of that, our obligation now is to perform jihād by striving knowledge that is legitimate and propagating it to the entire community before crying out for jihād fī sabīlillāh.

True da‘wah is the invitation of ‘mankind’ to the Pillars of Islām, the pillars of Imān, and the carrying out of Islāmic Ṣarī‘at, obedience towards Allāh and His Messenger ﷺ, to invite ‘mankind’ to belief in the Oneness of Allāh, prohibiting acts of ṣirk, inviting the community to follow the example of the Messenger ﷺ, and to prohibit innovation. To invite ‘mankind’ to the Way of Truth so that salvation is achieved within both this world and in the Hereafter by following Messenger of Allāh ﷺ and the Companions Ṣaḥāb.

May prayers and peace rain upon the Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ, on his family, the companions, and those people who pursue their way with goodness.

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ أَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ.

*All glory and praise be to Allāh. I bear witness that there is no god except You, and I seek your forgiveness.*

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## A NOTE ON TRANSLITERATION

Throughout this document, the ‘Latinization’ of Arabic letters has been adhered to as closely as possible using the following representations for the Arabic script.

Long vowels:

Ā or ā

Ī or ī

Ū or ū

Consonants:

A or a	for	ا	Q or q	for	ق
B or b	for	ب	K or k	for	ك
T or t	for	ت	F or f	for	ف
J or j	for	ج	L or l	for	ل
D or d	for	د	ع	for	ع
R or r	for	ر	M or m	for	م
Z or z	for	ز	S or s	for	س
N or n	for	ن	W or w	for	و
H or h	for	ه	Y or y	for	ي
و	for	ء	Ḍ or ḍ	for	ض
Ḥ or ḥ	for	ح	Ṣ or ṣ	for	ص

<u>T</u> or <u>t</u>	for	ط	<u>Z</u> or <u>z</u>	for	ظ
<u>K</u> or <u>k</u>	for	خ	<u>T</u> or <u>t</u>	for	ث
<u>S</u> or <u>s</u>	for	ش	<u>D</u> or <u>d</u>	for	ذ
<u>G</u> or <u>g</u>	for	غ			

# Kedudukan **JIHAD** dalam Syari'at **ISLAM**

Sesungguhnya kondisi ummat Islam yang kita lihat sekarang ini adalah kondisi di mana ummat Islam mengalami kelemahan, keterbelakangan, dikuasai, dimusuhi, diteror dan dihina oleh musuh-musuh Islam. Hal ini merupakan musibah yang besar dan bencana yang merata di mana-mana.

Namun yang wajib diketahui oleh ummat Islam bahwa penyakit ummat ini yang sebenarnya adalah kelalaian mereka terhadap agamanya, mereka telah menyalahi syari'at dan sudah menyimpang jauh dari agama Islam yang benar, yaitu agama yang dipahami oleh para Shahabat Nabi ﷺ. Sehingga, obat yang paling tepat bagi ummat ini adalah kembalinya mereka kepada agama Islam secara benar.